

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 20 January 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 37-42.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgement is made of Amendment filed 20 January 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 37-42 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The record of prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest a self-service terminal including means for determining if the user has previously requested to receive a current news article when receiving transaction details, and means for delivering the transaction details and the appended current news article to the user via the port, so that the user automatically receives a current news article if the user has previously requested such a service.

Jheeta teaches an automated teller machine comprising: a cash dispenser for dispensing cash to a user; a port for outputting cash dispense transaction details to a user; means for appending the obtained current marketing information (such as, a promotion, a telephone number, bank's offered products, mortgage loan, student loan, loan portfolio, certificates of deposit, etc.) to transaction details relating to a cash dispense transaction requested by the user, wherein the current marketing information is time-varying information which is unrelated to the ATM transaction; and means for delivering the cash dispense transaction details and the appended marketing information to the user in a single delivery via the port (i.e., delivering the ATM receipt with transaction details and marketing information printed thereon) so that the user is automatically provided with an up-to-date share price (i.e., the mortgage loan rate, certificates of deposit, and/or additional promotion) when a cash dispense transaction is executed.

Dejaeger et al. (US 6,456,981; hereinafter “Dejaeger”) teaches a self-service-terminal comprising: a port/printer for outputting transaction-details/receipt to a user; means for accessing from a repository information to obtain a current market value of the repository information; means for appending the obtained current market value information to transaction details/receipt; and means for delivering the transaction details and the appended current market value information to the user via the port/printer.

Kawan teaches an ATM system, which includes, but not limited to, means for purchasing of a stock, a sale of the stock, and the stock portfolios, wherein the stock and stock portfolios serve as means for accessing from a repository a company symbol pre-selected by a user to obtain a current market value of a share for that company.

However, Jheeta, Dejaeger, and Kawan, taken alone or in combination thereof, fails to teach or fairly suggest a self-service terminal comprising means for determining if the user has previously requested to receive a current news article when receiving transaction details, and means for delivering the transaction details and the appended current news article to the user via the port, so that the user automatically receives a current news article if the user has previously requested such a service.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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